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Burma resolution

11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to new MFA Human Rights Division Head, Maryem van de Heuvel (who recently returned from an assignment in Brussels) and Human Rights Policy Officer Joris Geeven, March 6. Van de Heuvel said she had not previously heard that the U.S. was pushing for an HRC special session on Burma and said she would have to consult internally, within MFA and with EU partners. Van de

Heuvel's initial reaction, she said, was that the regular session could be the best place to push for action on Burma. Geeven added that many HRC members would view a call for a special session as precipitous, absent attempts at the regular session. Van de Heuvel requested additional information on U.S. thinking which could be passed through the Dutch mission in Geneva.

12. (C) Van de Heuvel said that the EU was prepared to co-sponsor a Burma resolution, introduced by the U.S. The EU would not introduce such a resolution, but according to van de Heuvel the Dutch think a U.S. resolution would be a good idea.

Defamation of religion

13. (C) Van de Heuvel said that the Dutch were prepared to follow EU policies on freedom of speech and resist any OIC effort to introduce defamation of religion language. The Netherlands was prepared to introduce amendments to that effect. She said the Netherlands was not/not prepared to work independently of the EU Presidency.

. (SBU) Poloff asked van de Heuvel to consult with the MFA on these matters. She promised to do so.

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